Atomic Power Plant at Jabalpur or Shivpuri in M.P.

†4134. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had agreed in principle to consider for setting up of atomic power plant with production capacity of 2000 megawatt in Jabalpur or Shivpuri in Madhya Pradesh in the year 1984 ;

(b) if so, which places were found suitable at the initial stage for setting up of these plants;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken by the Selection Committee of the Ministry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Rajapur in Shivpuri district and Bargi (near Chutka) in Mandla district, both sites in Madhya Pradesh, had been considered by the Site Selection Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy in the 1980s. In the context of the on-going process of re-evaluation of sites in Madhya Pradesh, a nodal agency has been nominated by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the collection and updating of site data. Setting up of a nuclear power plant in any region will, however, depend upon the energy alternatives available to a region, availability of funds to set up the plant, techno-economic considerations and availability of suitable sites.

Nuclear Plant at Drolli in Punjab

4135. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware about the proposed N-plant at Drolli in Punjab ;

(b) whether the NPC and the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board visited the site and approved it;

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